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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir,

In response to a first Office Action mailed on December 12, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Authorization is given to charge the **fee of \$690** to Deposit Account 12-2368. The amount represents the fee of \$510 for a three month extension for filing a response pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) and the fee of \$180 for filing an Information Disclosure Statement after issuance of a first Office Action pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(p).

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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